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SUBJECT: EXTERNAL RESEARCH: DEFENSE (ARPA) STUDY
OF "FUTURE FOREIGN SECURITY ISSUES"

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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE USG SHOULD FINANCE PROPOSED
HUDSON INSTITUTE STUDY OF SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF
VARIOUS COURSES OF ROK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE ROKG HAS ALREADY WORKED
OUT BASIC ECONOMIC PLAN FOR FORTHCOMING DECADE.
THEIR PLANS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DEFENSE NEEDS AND
INDICATE A CAPABILITY TO FINANCE NEEDS ON A CASH
OR LOAN BASIS. IF ANY US STUDIES OF THIS KIND ARE
BELIEVED NECESSARY, WE ARE EQUIPPED TO DO THEM
OURSELVES AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

3. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT FOR POLITICAL REASONS SHOULD BE
ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A PRIVATE STUDY INVOLVING
ISSUES BEARING ON OUR FUTURE POLITICO-MILITARY RELATIONS.
GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION HERE, THIS HYPOTHETICAL

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APPROACH WOULD CONFUSE AND MISLEAD KOREANS ABOUT US

PURPOSES AND POLICY WITHOUT ANY REDEEMING ADVANTAGE.
AS IS EVIDENT FROM PAST
STUDIES OUR OBJECTIVES IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM RELATE TO US POLITICAL AND SECURITY
OBJECTIVES, NOT TO ROK ECONOMIC SITUATION.

4. MORE GENERALLY WE BELIEVE KOREANS THEMSELVES
HAVE WELL PROVEN ECONOMIC PLANNING CAPABILITY AND
THEY HAVE BEEN MAKING THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT
DECISIONS FOR LONG TIME. THEY ARE IN BETTER
POSITION THAN WE TO RECOGNIZE SPECIFIC AREAS IN
WHICH THEY LACK EXPERTISE AND NEED HELP, AND THEY
HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR STUDY IF THEY WISH TO
CONTRACT IT. IN FACT THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
CONTRACTED OUTSIDE ECONOMIC STUDIES ON MANY
OCCASIONS IN PAST WITHOUT OUR HELP. THEY CAN
EASILY DO SO AGAIN IN THIS CASE, IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

5. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT FORWARDING ARPA
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE SO THAT WE COULD COMMENT ON
THIS PROPOSED STUDY. WE ASSUME THAT OUR CLEARANCE
WILL BE SOUGHT ON ALL SUCH PROPOSED POLITICO-
MILITARY STUDIES IN KOREA.
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